

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION TO WOMEN SPORTSPERSONS  
Singh Shri Ganesh

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of sports schools available to impart training to women sportspersons in the various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh and their current status;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to chalk out any new scheme to provide more importance to women in sports; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) There is no sports school run by the Central Government that imparts training specifically to women sportspersons in various States.
- (b) & (c) There is no proposal at present by the Central Government to chalk out any new scheme to provide more importance to women in sports. However, the Central Government has been running a scheme called Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), to promote sports in the rural areas of the country. The scheme aims at development of playfields in all the village and block panchayats across the country and conduct of annual sports competitions from block to the national level for providing ample opportunity of participation to rural youth. Under this scheme, three types of competitions are conducted, viz., Rural Competitions, Womens' Competitions and North East Competitions. While the Rural and North East Competitions are meant for both men and women, Womens' Competition is conducted exclusively for providing more importance to women in sports.